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THINGS TO DO

Tonight-Saturday: 22nd Annual Youth Rodeo, 7:30 p.m. each night, at the Bellmead Lions rodeo arena on Pecan Lane.

TIP OF THE HAT

■ Midway's Meredith Walker and Julia Brophy were named to the Class 5A all-state softball first team by the Texas Sports Writers Association. See Sports Notes, Page 7.

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Jim Wren, president of Amigos Internacionales, expects to have about 10,000 16-millimeter educational films after his next shipment comes in. Wren's group sends the films, with projectors, to countries where they can be used as teaching tools. It's all done free-of-charge. This shipment is going to prisoners in Belize, located on the eastern coast of Central America, next month.

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WHAT FRIENDS ARE FOR

'Amigos' group plans to send educational films around the world

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Jim Wren is collecting 16-millimeter films, and the projectors to play them.

He already has about 7,000, valued at a little more than $1 million, and he is expecting a shipment of about 3,000 more any time now.

Once they come in, he'll arrange them in categories. And then he'll try to give them away.

Wren is the president of Amigos Internacionales, a non-profit, charitable group that is attempting to send the educational films, along with video and audio tapes, to Third World nations and other places around the world.

Amigos is a 28-year-old organization that was started by a group of laymen wanting to do some type of ministry work, Wren said.

Wren has been president for all 28 years. It has always been in Texas, and for the last eight years, it has been based in Woodway.

Amigos is governed by a nine-member board of directors that meets at least once a year or as often as needed. Its purpose, Wren said, is to help others.

The subjects on the films range from science to basic math to history, and all of them are in English.

"In almost all of your countries, they want things that are in English," Wren said. "Everybody wants to learn English. It is the language of commerce and we want to help them learn it."

He hopes that all of the films will be in by the end of the month so they can be organized and prepared for distribution overseas. He said they will not be available in the United States.

Once the films are arranged, he said, Amigos will send out a list and descriptions of available films. The group will then distribute the films to those that want them, free of charge.

"They mark what they want," he said. "They may be interested in some things and not others. All we want them to do is use them. If they want them, we'll give them to them."

Amigos, which has no employees, manages to find different ways to distribute the films without paying delivery costs.

"This is a tremendous advantage for Third World countries who want

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Job market, employment figures grow

TEC analyst: Outlook good, despite seasonal slip

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Sunday will be the midway point of 1995, and an official from the Texas Employment Commission says this year has been much better for the area than 1994 in terms of unemployment rates.

"We're doing far better than we were last year," said Johnny Bates, a labor market analyst for the commission. "We're seeing a lot of growth in the labor force and with employment."

Bates said there has been a tremendous growth in the number of jobs, but the latest month-to-month comparisons, and a comparison of May 1994 and May 1995 unemployment rates, show little change in unemployment rates:

■ Bellmead's unemployment rate for May was 4.1 percent, compared to 3.6 percent in April and 4.3 percent in May 1994;

■ Hewitt's unemployment rate was 1.6 percent in May, 1.4 percent in April and 1.7 percent in May 1994;

■ Robinson's unemployment rate was 2.2 percent in May, 1.9 percent in April and 2.3

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COULD BE CONTRABAND

The Fourth of July seems to make breaking the law, well, patriotic, with all those fireworks. But some area police will trade you a citation and a fine for your box of firecrackers. For more on area ordinances concerning fireworks, see the story on Page 3.

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